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1. IN THE COURSE OF A NOV 22 DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS, JOAQUIN FONSECA, UNDERSEC FOR INTL ORGS AND CONFS, BROUGHT UP SEVERAL MATTERS IN REGARD TO THE LAW OF THE SEA.

2. FONSECA STATED THAT HE HOPED THAT THE US WOULD MODIFY ITS POSITION ON RESOURCES LOCATED BEYOND NATIONAL LIMITS. FONSECA STATED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD RECENTLY MADE CONCESSIONS TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THIS AREA. HE CHARACTERIZED THE US, UK, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS AND WEST GERMANY AS THE "HARD LINERS" ON DEEP SEA RESOURCES.

3. FONSECA SAID THAT HE HOPED, IN HIS CAPACITY WITH THE "GROUP OF 77" TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE A WORKABLE CONSENSUS ON THE RESOURCE

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QUESTION.

4. FONSECA STATED THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO FUTURE COOPERATION WITH THE US ON LOS. HE ALSO SPOKE OF HIS COLLABORATION WITH THE US DEL AT CARACAS ON THE QUESTION OF PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

5. SINCE FONSECA HAS ALSO BROUGHT UP THE MATTER OF A POSSIBLE MODIFICATION OF THE US POSITION ON DEEP SEA RESOURCES WITH OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS, IT IS CLEAR THAT HE HOPES TO GET HIS POINT OF VIEW TO THE ATTENTION OF THOSE IN WASHINGTON WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH LOS. IN VIEW OF HIS FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED ADMIRATION OF THE OVERALL US APPROACH TO LOS AND HIS COOPERATION AT THE CARACAS MEETING, WE BELIEVE THAT FONSECA IS CONVINCED THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR SOME MODIFICATION OF THE US POSITION IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A WORKABLE DOCUMENT AT THE FORTHCOMING LOS MEETINGS.
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